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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING

EVACUATION OF BULK MATERIAL SHIPPER BAGS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, lines 4-9, please substitute the following paragraph:

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This application is a Continuation-In-Part of copending allowed parent Application Number 09/237,819, filed on 27 January 1999, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ENHANCING EVACUATION OF BULK MATERIAL SHIPPER BAGS, now U.S. Patent No. 6,234,351, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference, which parent application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/072,815 and 60/072,816, both filed on 28 January 1998, which provisional applications are further incorporated by reference herein.

In the Claims

Please substitute claim 58 for the claim of the same number:

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